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Applicants:	Evans, Douglas G. et al.	Group Art Unit:	3738
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Filing Date:	Nov. 14, 2003	Atty. Docket No.:	KN P-0131
For:	Devices and Methods for Treating Defects in the Tissue of a Living Being		

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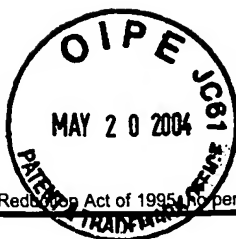
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